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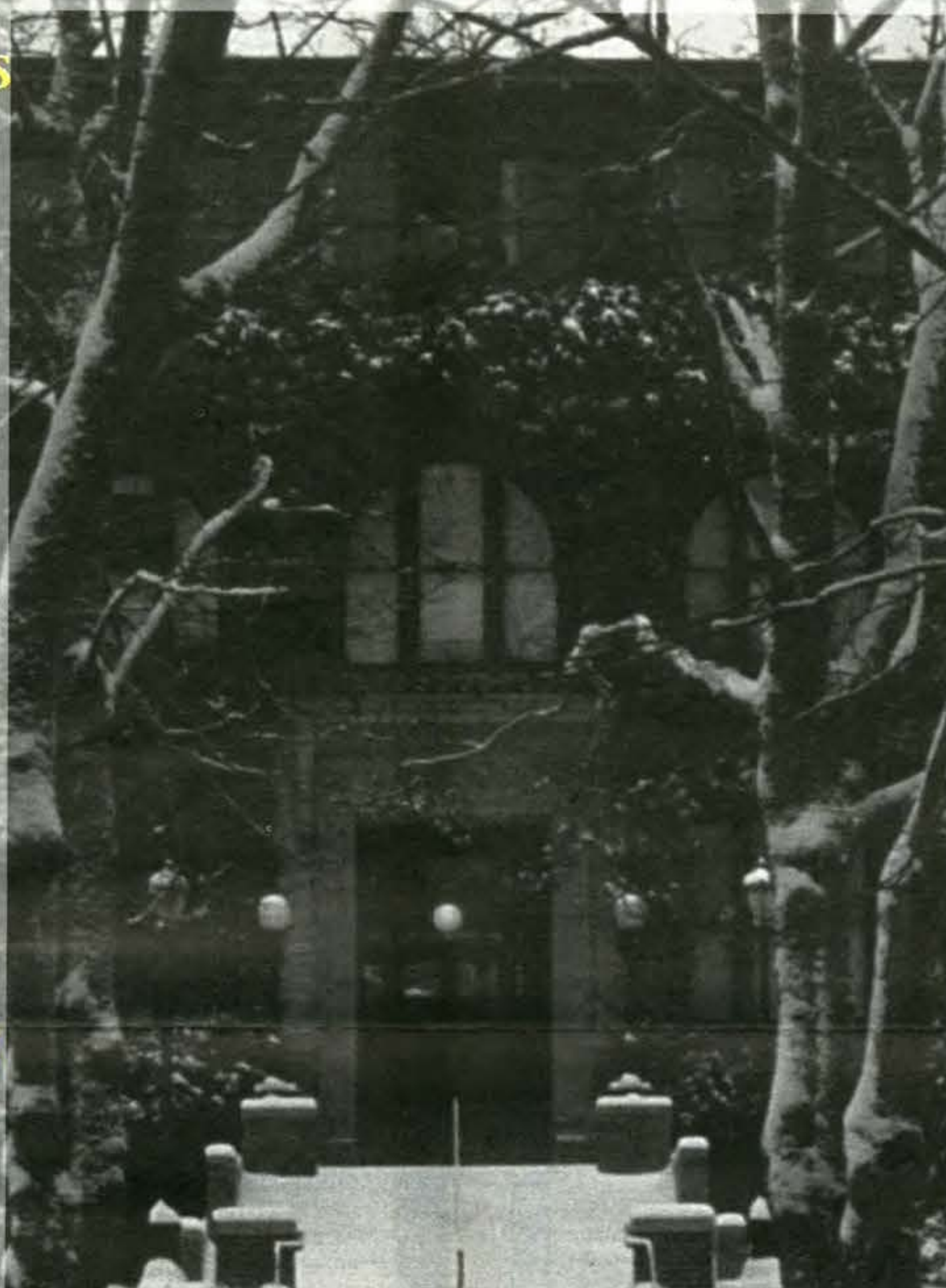
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## Best of both worlds

Western was still New Whatcom Normal School when school president Charles Fisher initiated a new phase of curriculum development — one which drew national attention in the 1920s. The teacher training institution would require a liberal arts core as well as courses in practice teaching.

Since then, Western has grown into a comprehensive regional university offering an excellent liberal arts education as well as strong professional programs.

Western is now a place where students can "learn to think in new and different ways, to learn how to articulate a thought," says William K.B. Stoever, chair of the department of liberal studies for the last 20 years.

The hallmarks of a liberal arts college are all solidly embedded in Sehome Hill: small classes, an

encouragement to acquire a breadth of knowledge in the sciences and humanities and, perhaps most important of all, a faculty who enjoy teaching.

"Math majors have come to expect that the faculty will know their names," says Tom Read, who has been teaching math to undergraduate and graduate students at Western for 30 years. In that sense, "Western behaves like a liberal arts college," he says.

Adds English Professor Anne Lobeck: "Students at Western are here *because* of the liberal arts education. I don't have to explain that a lot. ... My students are engaged, active thinkers."

*Window on Western* asked three prominent members of Western's liberal arts faculty to talk about the advantages of a liberal arts education and about Western's liberal arts offerings in particular.

"Western has long had a particular interest in and emphasis upon the liberal arts," according to Stoever.

The liberal arts department offers courses in humanities, comparative cultural studies and the academic study of religion, the latter territory being Stoever's area of expertise.

Since students come to Western with a wide variety of expectations, Western has to be many things to many students, he says. That's where the comprehensive nature of its offerings comes in.

On the one hand, Stoever notes, people who are broadly educated, as opposed to those who are specially trained, have a larger potential to succeed in their careers and in life in general. "On the other hand," he says, there is the matter of ac-

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## Briefly

### Enrollment reaches record high at 11,476

With 11,476 students enrolled for fall quarter, up nearly 4 percent from last year, the University has the highest enrollment and largest freshman class ever. The average high school GPA of the 2,132 new first year students is 3.5 and remains competitive with other schools. There were 1,089 new undergraduate transfer students as well. The average GPA for transfer students is 3.15.

### Phi Beta Kappa chapter considered for campus

Western hopes to establish a University chapter of the national honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. Staff, faculty and alumni who are members of Phi Beta Kappa can contact George Mariz at (360) 650-3346 or Harriet Wender (360) 650-7766 to help form a steering committee.

### Davidson, Field win annual excellence awards

Assistant professors Marcia Davidson and John Field received the 1996-1997 Excellence in Teaching Award. Davidson, who prepares special education teachers at Woodring College, encourages her students to use innovative curriculum as they teach reading skills. Field, who teaches both introductory and upper-level environmental geology, was cited for his outstanding commitment to student understanding. The awards include \$1,000 each for Davidson and Field and a certificate of recognition provided through donations to The Western Foundation.

### Diversity award goes to Vernon Johnson

For his role as a community leader, associate professor of political science Vernon Damani Johnson received the 1996-1997 Diversity Achievement award. The prize, which includes a \$1,000 check, acknowledges outstanding contributions to enhancing multiculturalism on campus and within the community.

### Undergrads are researchers for cleaner air

Cleaner air is important to associate professor of chemistry Mark Bussell, but he believes the greatest benefit of his research into better ways to remove impurities from fossil fuels has been to his students. "We've demonstrated at Western that high quality research can be done by undergraduate and master's degree candidates," Bussell said. Bussell, who began research on removing sulfur impurities in 1984, has been awarded a \$195,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. His three-year study involves new catalytic materials, chiefly carbides and nitrides, which he maintains will be able to remove sulfur impurities more effectively than the sulfide-based catalysts now employed.

### Undergrads studying reefs at Shannon Point

Undergraduates at the Shannon Point Marine Center in Anacortes are testing a hypothesis that may explain why brilliantly colored coral reefs are bleaching and dying. A \$520,000 National Science Foundation grant is funding the project, called Science Education and Research for Undergraduates, or SEARUN.

### Alper elected to national Canadian studies post

Don Alper, director of the Center for Canadian-American Studies and professor of political science, is the new vice president of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States.

### New name and plaque for Edens courtyard

A plaque naming the second floor courtyard in Edens Hall for Paul and Alma Jackson will be installed early next year.

*Window on Western* erroneously reported in the fall edition that a lecture series would be named after the couple who received teaching degrees at Western. Instead, the courtyard will be named after them.



Sophomore Raelyn Axlund in the Edens Hall courtyard.

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# Campus Connections

## Memory tradition

About 1,000 new students took part in a three-year-old tradition at Western, making a procession down Memory Walk at the start of their studies in September.

Western's graduation procession tradition began in 1912 when the first stone engraved with the class year was laid in the sidewalk running parallel to the facade of Old Main.

In 1995, the University began familiarizing new students with this tradition, and enhancing it, by asking them to join faculty and student leaders in a walk to Old Main after convocation ceremonies.

This year, as in previous processions, students were asked to write their goals on slips of paper and deposit them in a "Memory Walk" box at the foot of Old Main stairs.

The goals from the Class of 2001 are full of hopes for graduating in four years, making new friends, finding happiness and excelling in classes and sports. "To earn a varsity letter in track," one slip of paper said. Another simply said: "Live."



Jon Brunk photo

Students put educational and other goals in a "Memory Walk" box as faculty and administrators cheer them on.

## Service makes a difference in learning

Alexander Astin, the nation's leading authority on student assessment, put the focus on community service in a keynote address during this year's Celebration of Learning.

After doing evaluation studies of college students for 35 years, Astin said he sees the individualistic, materialistic and competitive nature of some students as detrimental to a democracy.

The antidote is community service and a collaborative style of learning, Astin said.

"Every single outcome measure — grades, retention, enrollment — is favorably influenced" by community service," he added.

## New league will give Western a "presence" in the Northwest

Western's athletic administrators and coaches are enthusiastic about the merger of the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference (PNWAC) and the Pacific West (PacWest) Conference.

The two conferences will form a new 16-team NCAA Division II league at the start of the 1998-99 school year.

"This gives the NCAA a presence in the Northwest that it hasn't had (outside Division I)," said Western Director of Athletics Lynda Goodrich. "It creates a good Division II conference within the Northwest."

The PacWest currently has seven schools: Seattle Pacific, Chaminade, Hawaii-Hilo, Alaska-Anchorage, Alaska-Fairbanks, Western New Mexico and Montana State-Billings. The PNWAC has six schools: West-

ern, Central Washington, St. Martin's, Lewis-Clark State, Simon Fraser and Evergreen State. Evergreen will not be joining the new conference, but will be replaced by Western Oregon. Simon Fraser and Western Oregon will be provisional members in the new league. Also joining the new circuit are BYU-Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific and Humboldt State in California.

Because of the size of the new league, geographically based divisions will be created in many sports. The newly formed PacWest scheduling and championships committee will determine the precise nature of those divisions.

The divisional setup will not mean a dramatic expansion of travel for Viking teams.

"We will be playing many of

the schools we play now and have traditionally played," Goodrich said. "There will not be an increase in travel costs or class time missed."

The new league will retain the PacWest's automatic berth for the league champion in NCAA Division II post-season competition.

"This gives us a very clear identity," said Western men's basketball coach Brad Jackson. "In the past, there was so much confusion over the various levels. People would ask 'Who do you play?' Now there's a very clear distinction, a very clear Division II league."

Western will remain in the Columbia Football Association in football next year, although the PacWest may eventually sponsor the sport.

## Point of View

by Western President Karen Morse

## Quality remains our top priority

In September, we opened our doors to 11,476 students, the highest enrollment and largest freshman class ever. Despite pressures caused by growth, Western remains firmly committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of the undergraduate educational experience.

To carry out those commitments and help students graduate in a timely fashion, we continually seek creative ways to improve students' access to courses; strengthen academic advising services; increase opportunities to use technological tools in the classroom; and pro-

mote students' participation in individual study and research projects with faculty. This fall, we added 42 new faculty.

More than 92 percent of this fall's incoming freshmen participated in SummerStart, an orientation and advising program for students and their families to get to know Western and register for classes. Studies by our Office of Institutional Assessment show that those who participate in SummerStart are able to graduate more efficiently, on average, than those who do not. Not surprisingly, we've found, too, that when parents are involved and supportive, students have a better chance of persisting in

their studies and graduating. More than 78 percent of this fall's transfer students participated in Transitions, a program for transfer students similar to SummerStart.

ClassFinder, a program developed cooperatively by Western students in a computer science class and our Academic Advising coordinator, helped students search for classes that would complement their academic plan.

Other current technological enhancement projects, totaling \$543,000, include a number of computer lab upgrades, an integrated design laboratory for Engineering Technology, and improved access to the

Internet for course assignments.

These are just some of the ways Western is striving to meet its goal of providing a quality undergraduate educational experience, while offering opportunity to the increasing numbers of well-qualified students who want to be here.

I hope you will visit Western when you can. I think you'll be proud of what you'll see.





# Campus Connections

## Happy birthday wishes in order for WWU

Remember 1977?

Nothing much memorable about that year, right? Wrong!

On the world scene, China was beginning its recovery from the excesses of the Cultural Revolution after Mao's death the year before. Governments changed at the ballot box in India and Israel and by military coup in Pakistan. Islamic fundamentalism was stirring from Egypt to Iran. Amnesty International won the Nobel Peace Prize.

In the White House, President Jimmy Carter's first act was to pardon Vietnam draft evaders.

Around the nation, *Roots* was drawing audiences that keep the mini-series in the all-time top TV ratings. Those who tore themselves away and went to the movies were enthralled with the first *Star Wars* or, in lesser numbers, with the bittersweet humor

of *Annie Hall*. At the top of the charts were Grammy-winners the BeeGees and Billy Joel.

Southern Cal beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl. Bob Griese of the Miami Dolphins held the AFC passing record. But the Dallas Cowboys went to Super Bowl XII, beating the Denver Broncos. The New York Yankees triumphed over the L.A. Dodgers in the World Series.

At Western, Viking Hall of Famer Pat Locker rushed for 842 yards to buoy a career record of 4,049 that stood until 1995 when Jon Brunaugh bested him by 24 yards. Lynda Goodrich ('66 and '73) was in her seventh of 19 seasons as women's basketball coach, a career that would bring her 400 wins and 1986 induction into the NAIA Hall of Fame. As Western's athletic director, Goodrich is now leading Western into the NCAA.

And, on Sept. 20, 1977, Western became a university.

It had 3,000 fewer students — 8,390 — than today, but 100 times the number who came for the first day of class in 1899.

Arntzen Hall was three years old in 1977. Parks Hall was six years in the future. Ross Engineering Technology was 10 years away. Only the ground floor of Edens Hall, Western's first residence (1921), was in use as administrative space. It would be boarded up the following year. Renovated, it was reopened as Western's newest residence in fall 1994.

When "the University" was born, there were 12 works in the outdoor sculpture collection which now numbers 22. Anthony Caro's *India*, sited in the Old Main rose garden was installed that year as was Nancy

Holt's *Stone Enclosure, Rock Rings*.

Fairhaven College was nine years old. Both the College of Business & Economics and the College of Fine & Performing Arts had been established the year before.

In its nearly 100-year history, Western has had many names: Normal School from 1899 to 1937, Western Washington College of Education until 1961, then Western Washington State College.

Western Washington University enters its year of majority as one of the nation's top-ranked higher educational institutions. Its alumni, students, faculty and staff are proud of their past accomplishments and confident about the challenges and achievements ahead.

Happy Birthday ... and many more, WWU!

## Three more stars added to Sports Hall of Fame

A basketball player from the 1960s, a high jumper from the 1980s and a faculty member whose involvement in athletics nearly spanned both those eras are the 1997 inductees into Western's Athletic Hall of Fame.

The newest members were formally inducted Oct. 4. They are:

Mike Kirk ('63), an all-conference basketball player who was Western's Athlete of the Year in 1962; Kristy Dees-Telloian ('85), the 1984 NAIA national women's high jump champion; and Carl Schuler, a longtime Western faculty member who served 14 years as the faculty athletic representative.

The trio brings the total membership of the hall to 80.

Dees-Telloian was twice an NAIA All-American, and three times an NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete at Western. She won the 1984 national high jump title with a mark of 5-8 1/4. Her high jump feats, while remarkable in themselves, become even more impressive considering the obstacles Dees-Telloian had to overcome.



Dees-Telloian

At age 12, she was diagnosed as having a curvature of the spine. She spent the next five years wearing a back brace, wearing it 23 hours a day for the first three years.

A 1980 graduate of Puyallup High School, Dees-Telloian placed second in the high jump at the Class AAA state meet during her senior year, just six weeks after she took up the event. She has worked as a fitness trainer in Olympia since 1989. Dees-Telloian and husband Jim have one child, daughter Mallory, born Aug. 1.

Kirk, who graduated from Sequim High School, was a four-year letter winner in basketball, seeing limited action as a freshman on the 1959-60 team that reached the NAIA national tournament. Kirk was a starter his final three seasons, with his junior campaign of 1961-62 being his best. That season he averaged 14.3 points a game, the fourth-best mark in school his-



Mike Kirk

tory at the time. He also shot 50.7 percent (110 of 217) from the field, becoming the first Western player to shoot more than 50 percent for a campaign.

Kirk, who lives in Bellingham, was an all-Evergreen Conference (Evco) selection in 1962 and 1963.

Schuler came to Western's history department in 1959. He served as Western's faculty athletic representative from 1967 to 1971 and again from 1975 to 1985. He also was secretary of the Evco when the league expanded from three to seven teams, and he served nine years as the official scorekeeper for Viking basketball.

Schuler, who lives in Lynden, coached a men's fastpitch club team for 18 summers, organiz-

ing and heading the Mount Baker Softball League. Since his retirement in 1985, Schuler has made seven trips to New Zealand, where he coached fastpitch softball teams.



Carl Schuler

The 77-year-old Schuler obtained his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Wisconsin. His wife, Evelyn, was a nurse at Western for 16 years, and the administrator for health services for nine years.

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<http://www.wvu.edu/~alumni/wow.html>

## Siblings seem to be playing everywhere

Siblings are sticking together on Western's fall and winter sports teams. The football team has two sets of brothers, the volleyball team has a pair of sisters, and there are brother-sister combos on the men's and women's basketball teams.

Then there are the unique sibling combinations on the soccer field, where both the Viking men's and women's coaches have younger siblings playing for them, and the men's team has a set of twins.

In men's soccer, coach Brad Swanson directs a team that younger brother Scot Swanson (Bellingham/Sehome), a senior forward, leads in scoring. Brad also played with middle brother Kurt at Seattle University. Also on the squad are freshmen twin brothers Brian and Robby Schaper (Bremerton/Olympic).

In women's soccer, coach Derrek Falor has his younger sister on the roster. Junior midfielder Mindy Falor (Shore-

line/Shorecrest) is a transfer from NCAA Division I University of San Francisco.

The other combinations include Jeremiah and Hans Straube (Battle Ground) and Brodie and Cory O'Neill (Vancouver/Hudson's Bay), all freshmen; in football, senior Sara (Redmond) and freshman Nicole Gaugl (Redmond/Eastlake) in volleyball, and senior David and freshman Melynda McNicol (Olympia) in basketball.



# Investments in Excellence

## CBE program seeking aid and students

Creative initiatives that set Western apart from other universities in the region are of special interest to The Western Foundation. The Foundation often serves as a catalyst for funding partnerships that support new academic programs.

The manufacturing management program in the College of Business and Economics is an excellent example. This program has been selected as one of the Foundation's key fund-raising projects for 1998. A combination of faculty, staff and volunteers is currently seeking financial support from manufacturing companies throughout the region.

Today's manufacturing plants are among the nation's most high-tech work environments. Demand is fierce for graduates with engineering technology and business management skills. These graduates must understand the entire production process from acquisition of raw materials to shipping finished products. They must communicate equally well with design engineers and the workers on the manufacturing floor so the projects come in on time, on budget and within quality control guidelines.

When companies such as Boeing, Immunex and Physio Control approached Western about developing the region's only undergraduate program in manufacturing management, the University responded. The new curriculum is one of the most rigorous on campus, with highly selective entrance standards and a demanding course load in both engineering technology and manufacturing management. In addition, two internships are required prior to graduation.

The greatest challenge facing the program is to graduate enough students to meet the intense demands of the market place. Through support from area manufacturers, Western plans to establish scholarships, fund a new computer lab and expand internship opportunities.

For further information on ways to assist the program, contact The Western Foundation (360) 650-3027. Enrollment questions can be directed to Dr. Mark Springer in the management department (360) 650-2902.

## New dock on its way for Lakewood

Thanks to the generosity of private donors and the persistence of a key volunteer, Western has acquired five acres of property on Lake Whatcom adjacent to the University's existing Lakewood property.

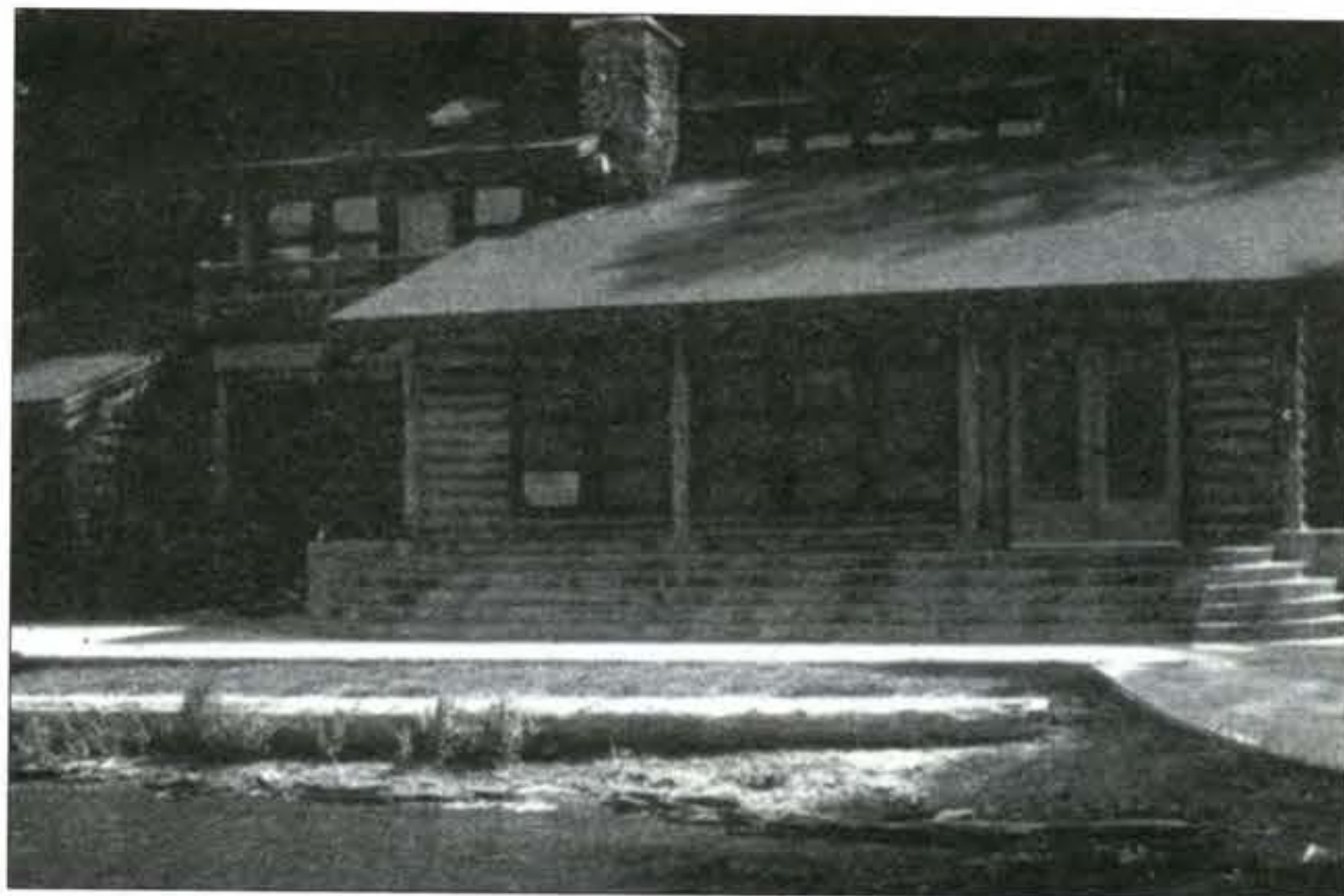
The property expands the existing Lakewood space by nearly a third and provides a new launching point for water-sport activities, including the nationally competitive crew teams.

"This is a remarkable addition," said Jeff Davis, Lakewood program manager. "Not only will the new site create greater opportunities for Western students and athletes, but it will preserve Lakewood's natural environment by eliminating the possibility of development in the facility's immediate area."

The Western Foundation purchased the "Byron tract" last spring for \$510,000 and transferred it to the University.

The acquisition was made possible through the generosity of several donors, including Carroll Haeske ('22), who initiated the purchase of the original Lakewood property as student body president in 1922. The property was purchased for \$900 — which was considered by many at the time to be a wasteful expense.

Haeske, now living in Arcadia, Calif., recently provided major gifts to assist with the Lake Whatcom property purchase and to create an endowment that will provide equipment for men's and women's crew teams.



The new property is next to the lodge at Lakewood.

In addition to Haeske, funding from a cluster of other donors helped make the purchase a reality. Donors include: Red and Betty Haskell, the late Bob and Bea Nelson, Hank and the late Eleanor Jansen, and Dale and Elaine Shintaffer. Haskell, Western trustee Robert Helsell and Bellingham real estate agent Gragg Miller were also instrumental in the purchase negotiations.

Lakewood is on the south shore of Lake Whatcom and is operated by the Associated Students. The facility's log structure, built in 1981, is available year-round for meetings and retreats.

Construction is underway there to provide storage and meeting facilities for Western's crew teams. Plans for the newly acquired site include the addition

tion of a new dock within the next year.

Davis cited the efforts of Red Haskell for making the purchase of the Byron tract possible. "Red's devotion to Western coupled with his love of Lake Whatcom paved the way for Western to acquire the new property," he said.

Although the majority of funds needed to finance the purchase have been received, The Western Foundation is continuing its efforts to fully fund the project with private contributions. Anyone interested in supporting the project or in providing support for Western's crew program is encouraged to contact Jean Rahn, executive director of The Western Foundation at (360) 650-3027.

## Alumni lead the way in annual giving

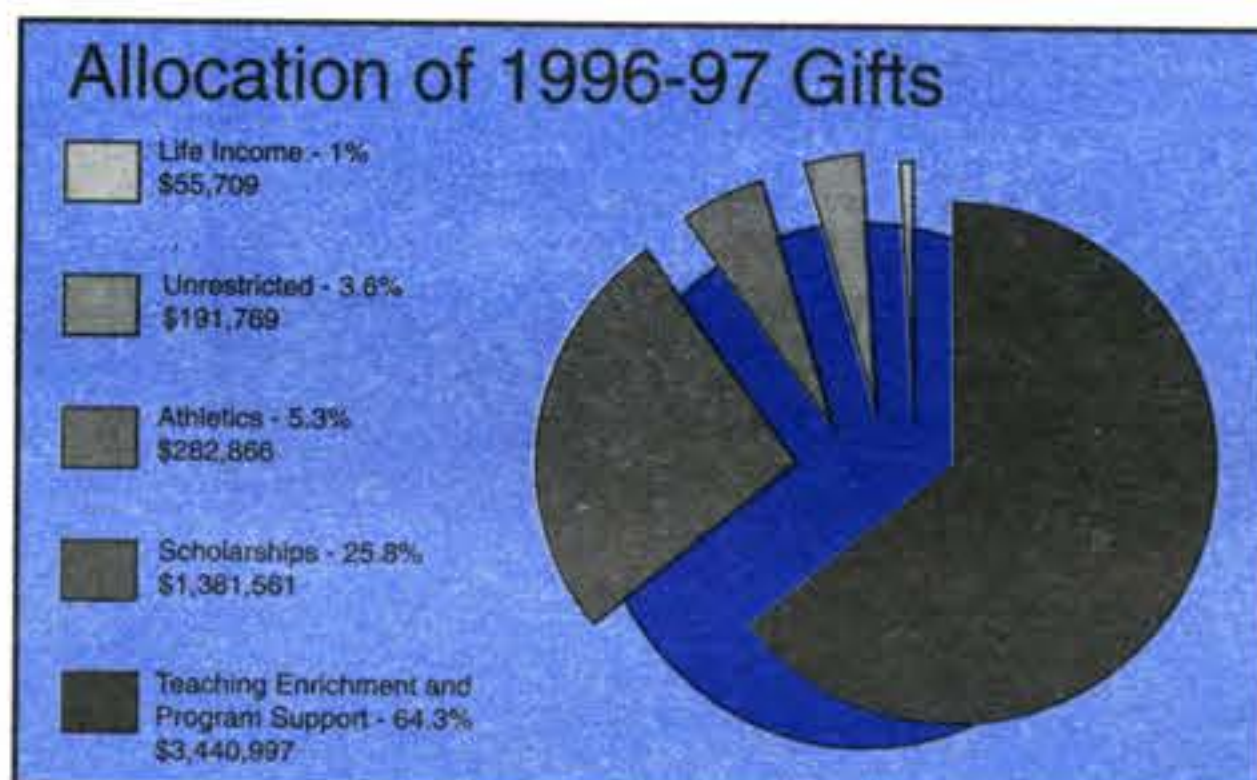
Western graduates led the way in individual contributions during The Western Foundation's 1996-1997 fund-raising campaign.

The Foundation, in its annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, reported a record 9,174 donors provided contributions during the year, including 5,507 alumni who made gifts of \$1.98 million.

Another 3,142 friends of the University, including many parents of Western students, provided \$931,645. The lion's share of private support came from more than 500 corporations, foundations and other organizations whose gifts totaled \$2.4 million.

The grand total of more than \$5.35 million in private support surpassed the previous year's tally by more than \$2 million, and is just shy of the record \$5.37 million received in 1993-1994.

Jean Rahn, executive director of The Western Foundation credited the banner fund-raising year to the excitement and enthusiasm generated during the final stage of the Campaign for Western. That campaign ended Dec. 31, 1996 after raising more than \$23.6 million — exceeding its goal by \$5.6 million.



"Donors are excited about being a part of Western's accomplishments," Rahn said. "Many of our supporters have become involved with the university on a very personal level," she added. "As a result, they are able to see the results of their gifts and how their involvement directly benefits students. You don't see that kind of personal

involvement at every institution — it's a somewhat unique part of Western's culture."

The majority of gifts received during the year were designated for specific purposes such as direct academic support, scholarships or athletic programs.

In addition to gifts designated for specific purposes, the Foundation received nearly \$200,000 in unrestricted contributions.

The Western Foundation's overall asset base reached a market value of \$17.5 million as of July 1, 1997, and invested funds achieved an overall return of 22 percent for the year.

Of the total, operating funds reached \$3.84 million, endowed funds grew to \$9.73 million and life income funds totaled \$3.93 million. The Foundation's total asset base has more than doubled since 1992.



# Accent on Alumni

## Grist of Goldsmith

### So, you didn't get an invitation?

By Chris Goldsmith, Alumni Director

As the Alumni Association continues to expand its general and regional programming, we have encountered a couple of interesting situations with regard to those who attended or may have wanted to attend an alumni function.

More specifically, we recently put on an alumni program and dinner in the Vancouver, B.C., region and invited pretty much all of our known alumni (with good addresses on our database) living in British Columbia. We had a good crowd, and those who attended reported that they had a splendid evening.

Then, shortly afterward, we heard from people living in Bellingham who said that they, too, would have enjoyed that Vancouver evening. Some said they "know a lot of the alums up there and went to school with them."

The problem: We at Alumni House don't know who your friends are and, although we can sometimes "link" people on our trusty database, we certainly would not be very thorough in the process.

One solution: If you think you might want to attend a gathering in another area or region, check our schedule of upcoming events and give us a call if you'd like to receive an invitation. We'll send your invitation right out.

Our goal is to bring together as many Western alumni as we possibly can. So, if something on the calendar looks interesting to you, even if it's in another state or province, or just in another city, jump right in and give us a call: (800)-676-6885. We'll do our best to help you attend.

### If you live in a foreign country ...

Are you living in a foreign country but receive this publication through a U.S. address? We know alumni are out there working for U.S. companies in other countries and their mail still goes to a domestic address. Others are serving in the military and have mail sent to APO and FPO addresses.

While we will continue to send your mail to the domestic address listed, it also helps us to know in what country you are actually residing. If you have a second address, we can list that on our database. We might be planning an alumni event where you really live, but have no way to invite you. We don't want that to happen. So if the profile above fits your situation, drop us a note at Alumni House, WWU, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199 and let us know where you are.



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## Alumni on the web

<http://www.wwu.edu/~alumni>

The Alumni Association web page is up and running on Western's Internet server.

Check out all the benefits and services offered by the Alumni Club and sign up for a membership online.

Campus news, Class Notes and other features of your alumni newsletter, *Window on Western*, are linked to the Alumni Association page at the URL above.

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To join the alumni discussion group, send a message to:

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In the message field, write:

SUBSCRIBE WWUALUM (with your first and last names)

For instance: SUBSCRIBE WWUALUM Mary T. Alumna



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**Convocation cups:** Alumni Association director Chris Goldsmith and Marriott's food service director Larry Stahlberg serve hot chocolate to future alumni at September's convocation. The Alumni Association traditionally hands out mugs at the event.



Tore Oftness photo

This year's Alumni scholarship winners posed in front of Alumni House at the start of the fall quarter. Sitting in the front row: Melanie Stavara, Malia Walker, Maya Miller, Shannen Loucks. Standing in back row: Ana Mowry, Brent Olson, Mollie Page and Timothy Jolin. Also receiving scholarships, but not pictured here: Emily Eggers, Kelly Hogan, Monita Nhem, Tram Pham and Samuel Swartz.

## Alumni seeking names for annual award

Do you know a distinguished alumna or alumnus? The deadline for nominations for the 1998 Distinguished Alumnus Award is Dec. 31.

The award recognizes a Western graduate for a lifetime of achievement in a particular field or to humanity in general.

Nominees must have graduated from Western or one of its predecessor institutions. All nominations should include a letter of nomination, a current resume/vita, at least three letters of support from persons other than the nominator and any articles, news clippings or other material shedding light on the nominee's accomplishments.

Address your nomination letter to: Distinguished Alumnus Award, Alumni House, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9199.





**1997 Homecoming:** Hundreds of students, alumni, staff and friends of the University gathered on campus Oct. 24-25 to celebrate Homecoming. The kick-off Friday night included the traditional bonfire and fireworks, accompanied by refreshments (toasted marshmallows, hot cider and Western's own Homecoming brownie) and the Fab Walrus playing Beatles tunes. Saturday brought the Fun Run, with some 160 runners; the tailgate party before the Vikings' 31-0 win over Simon Fraser; and lots of post-game parties.



**Fun Run:** Curtis Chin ('92), above right, sprints to a second place finish in the 20- to 29-year-old men's division during the annual Homecoming weekend race. Following close behind is current WWU student Tyler Fredrickson who finished third in his division.

Four generations of one Western family also participated in the Fun Run. Below, from left to right, are Tanner Larson; Eric Larson ('88); Evylyn Green, ('29); Jack Larson ('61) and Jerry Larson.

Photos by Jon Brunk



## Duffers aid scholarship fund in annual golf classic

The third annual First USA/WWU Alumni Golf Classic drew more than 100 golfers to world-class Shuksan Golf Club in Bellingham.

Playing under a cloudless blue sky dotted periodically by a team of acrobatic jets from the nearby Abbotsford Air Show, tournament entrants and volunteers alike enjoyed a day of great golf and good fun, and donated to a worthy cause.

A recap of the winners, using a unique handicapping system:

**Long Drive Winner** - Men: Roger Matson. Women: Carmen Dolfo

**Closest to the Pin** - Men: Dave Chorlton. Women: Jean Allen

**Putting Contest** - Brock Hochsprung

**Co-ed Division:** First place: Linda Ramirez, Ted Ramirez, Georgie Cannady, John Cannady, with a net score of 54. Second place: Chris Goldsmith, Jeff Goldsmith, Sharon Sparling, Mike Sparling, with a net score of 56. Third place: Steve Card, Carmen Dolfo, Joe Morse, Paul Madison with a net score of 58.

**Women's Division:** First place: Jean Allen, Jayme Gilday, Charmon Odle, Phyllis Textor, with a net score of 55. Second place: Trena Page, Kathy Hemion, Diane Bjerke, Dee Dee Molner, with a net score of 64.

**Open Division:** First place: Russ Wilson, Tod LeHecka, Warren Gilbert, Scott Peterson, with a net score of 49. Second place: Jeff Greer, Tuck Gionet, Dave Chorlton, Scott Sears, with a net score of 50. Third place: Dave Britton, Ken Cox, Lyle Morse, Jim Larson, with a net score of 51.

In addition to a host of prizes, tournament entrants each received a Jack Nicklaus golf shirt embroidered with the tournament logo, tee prizes, complimentary refreshments during play and lunch. The awards banquet featured a barbecue dinner.



Kristie Lundstrom photo

Modeling those great alumni golf shirts are new Alumni Association president, Lyle Morse ('70), left, and Professor Joe Morse. To order your own shirt, call the Alumni House, (800) 676-6885.

You can plan now to play in the fourth annual First USA/WWU Alumni Golf Classic by circling the second and third weekends in August, 1998. We'll let you know the exact dates next spring.

Net proceeds from the tournament fund Alumni Association scholarships and the athletic "success" fund which helps winning teams with championship expenses.



# An interview with Provost DeLorme

*The liberal arts have formed the core of a Western education ever since the 1920s. Since the current liberal arts core is being reviewed this year, Window on Western interviewed Provost Roland L. De Lorme about his views on the importance of the liberal arts in the 1990s.*

**Q.** How would you view the liberal arts in the 1990s especially in view of the pressure on students to acquire specific skills for employment?

**A.** I think the current status of the liberal arts is not much different than it was in the 1950s. Then William Whyte in *The Organization Man* wrote about the role of the liberal arts in the private sector. Thoughtful chief executives acknowledged that a liberal arts core education was needed and, indeed, was what they valued in potential employees. They looked for college graduates who had learned to think independently in a logical fashion and were skilled in oral and written communications. At that time, CEOs said they preferred to do their own corporate training.

That has changed in the sense that private corporations now frequently want the colleges and universities to take over some of the more specific training aspects which used to be done "on the job." However, no one seriously questions the value of a liberal arts education.

What is changing to a certain extent is how we define the liberal arts. Across the country there has been a lot of discussion about this. What should be included? What should be reconsidered? This year at Western we

are undertaking that discussion process as we look at our liberal arts core. The Academic Coordinating Commission and I will be examining what we require for a Western education and, if necessary, make some changes.

**Q.** What role do diversity issues play in a contemporary liberal arts curriculum?

**A.** The role of diversity in the liberal arts core is inarguable, especially in a society that carries on its coinage the words *e pluribus unum*. We are diverse. Cultural richness has helped make the American experience a strong one. How can we possibly appreciate our culture or ourselves without understanding that?

I do not think we do college graduates any favors if we send them forth prepared to live in the early 20th century rather than the beginning of the 21st. Henry Luce, for many years the publisher of Time and Life magazines, used to say that the 20th century is the American century. He was wrong. This has been a century of awakening cultures and emerging voices around the world. If America is to be effective now and in the near future, we have to understand and appreciate a world with no dominant, single language or world view. Instead, there are many languages, many cultures and



Provost Roland De Lorme

diverse points of view. To truly understand that is to be more effective in our lives.

**Q.** What about changes in the liberal arts curriculum?

**A.** The liberal arts are not exactly what they were in the beginning of this century. Really when we speak of the liberal arts, we are talking about a cluster of disciplines providing values and approaches to knowledge that help a person make his or her way intellectually, economically and personally. We need to review these from time to time — and the liberal arts subjects and approaches have to be strong enough to withstand that review or change.

Those who put together the notion of a liberal education at the close of the 19th century anticipated that the test — and result — of such an approach would be the dawning of a peaceful era. From the vantage point of the end of this century, we see a certain irony in this perspective. At the beginning of the next century, it is time to rethink what might be included in the liberal arts core curriculum.

## We have the best of both worlds...

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quiring professional skills.

At Western, students can combine English studies with accounting, for instance. That gives them a good shot at a decent job when they graduate and the experience of sharpening and expanding their minds through literature.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, "the same curriculum does duty for both" those who are looking for specialized training and those who want a strong liberal arts education, he says.

"I think Western is a great middle ground," adds Lobeck, a theoretical linguist.

Lobeck calls study in the liberal arts a "terrific luxury" that gives students more choices in life. She says the idea that a university ought to teach only those subjects that can be directly applicable to a job is problematic.

"An English major would make an excellent lawyer. An English major would make an excellent doctor or an airline pilot or a retail clerk," she says. "It's an injustice to focus on making money."

The university doesn't prepare students for specific careers, she says. Rather, it prepares them to pursue careers.

"We prepare them to be voters, to be active members of their communities and to make choices about their lives based on knowledge rather than prejudice," Lobeck says.

Western's faculty serve as role models of people who enjoy learning and who "don't think it's stupid to study Shakespeare or the history of language."

Read, who established a Math Center in Bond Hall in 1992 as a place to foster close contact between faculty and students, agrees.

"Should we teach about the Third World, or should we teach about Shakespeare? Here, I think we do both."

Read, who includes writing assignments in his math classes, is a strong proponent of Western's general university requirements, which provide students with a wide sampling of core liberal arts courses.

"College is a process of discovery, and sometimes they find something completely different" when they are exposed to classes they might not have chosen for themselves, Read says.

"The most important things you hope a student learns in college are really those things that are the traditional role of liberal arts," according to Read. "For instance, how to be an independent learner. This is far more important than knowing the latest details about this year's favorite software."

## Tom Read: No

A math professor on a university committee to talk about improving students' writing proficiency at Western?

Tom Read, who moved to a tiny office in Bond Hall overlooking Red Square in 1991, who has been teaching calculus and differential equations since, doesn't think it unlikely. After all, he has been teaching the junior writing exam for years and is a strong proponent of students being broadly educated in the arts and sciences.

He began introducing writing assignments into his freshman classes about six years ago. Students "grumbled at the time, but they always end up thanking me," Read says. "Writing things down forces you to

## Anne Lobeck

Professor Anne Lobeck has a blue streak about the "luxury" that students have when they pursue a liberal arts education at Western and about their own choice role as a liberal arts faculty member.

A high-tech linguist whose expertise is in theoretical syntax, she occasionally teaches women's literature and courses in language and gender. And she considers herself a lay anthropologist who integrates cultural and historical viewpoints into her professional and personal life.

Her diverse experiences teaching at Western's English department since 1990 are "so much a metaphor for what liberal arts lets you do," Lobeck says.

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## William Stoe

In his freshman and more years at Pomona College, William K.B. Stoever was committed to any particular discipline. He thought of majoring in botany, history or, perhaps, English.

Since the Claremont, Stoever says college is a liberal arts school. He spent those first two years taking an array of courses in the arts and sciences, tasting the pleasures of botany, history and literature.

Though he eventually found his calling in the academic study of religion and in the history of Christianity, Stoever says he is grateful for the broad education he received, especially his experiences in botany and literature.

Some 25 years later, he continues to "fiddle" with plants.



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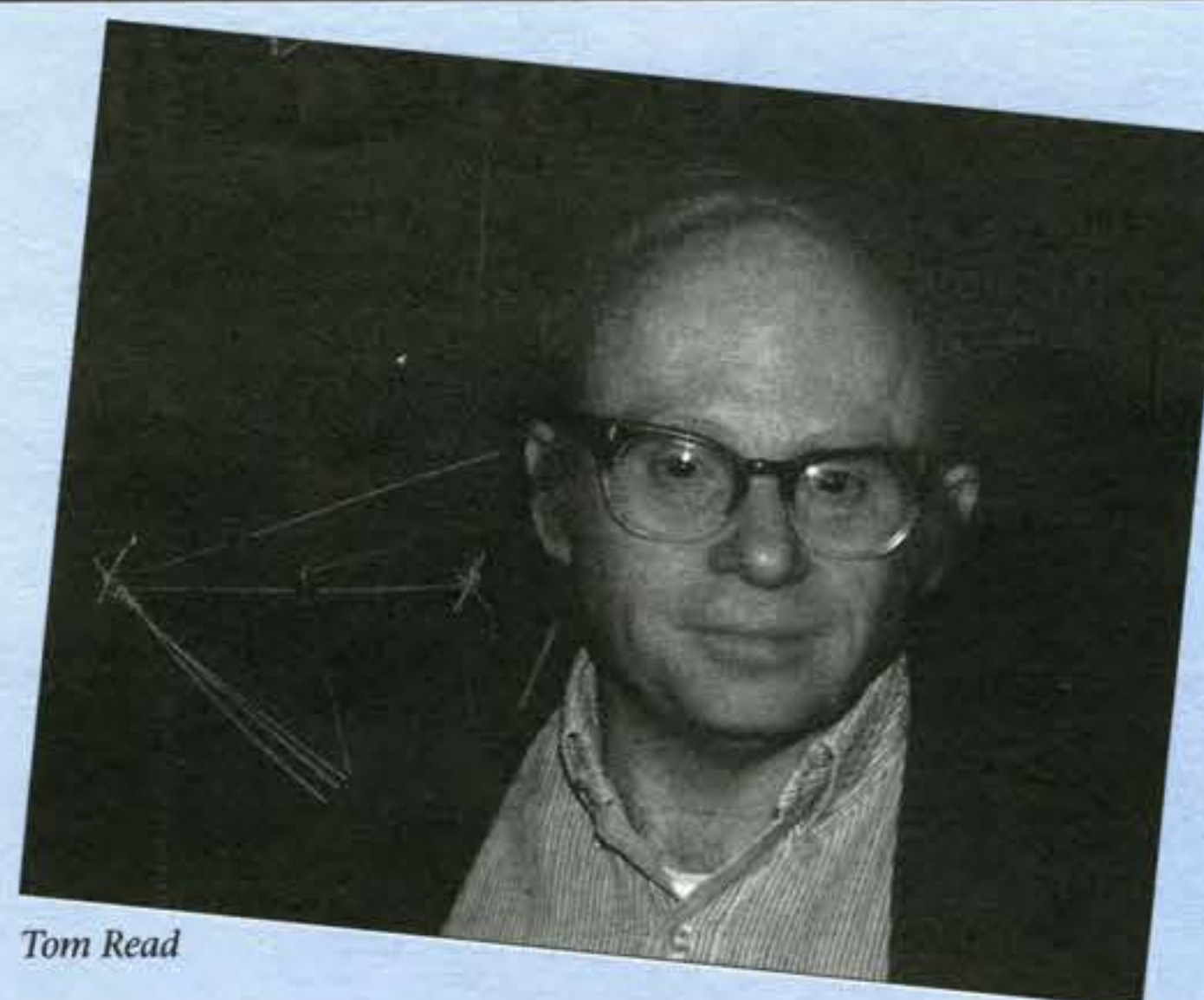
The assignments, such as a short paper on the difference between the power function and the exponential function, help students learn to organize an explanation and identify a main point. The assignments also teach them basic intellectual skills needed by any educated person.

Teachers at many comprehensive universities "love the details of their own fields," Read says, but they should also include writing in their teaching because it is so basic to any field of knowledge. Read says he is proud that Western's math department focuses on the applications of math, not just math as a singular field. The department's newest faculty member is a math bi-

ologist, he notes.

As chair of the math department (1986 to 1992), Read established a Math Center in Bond Hall five years ago. It serves primarily as a tutoring center for upper-level math but has become a social center for students and faculty as well. Read points to that as one of the ways Western "behaves" like a liberal arts college. "We feel it's a way of keeping in contact with some of the best students at the university," Read says.

Read, who has a master's and doctoral degree from Yale University, chose Oberlin College for his undergraduate degree over CalTech. "It was a very conscious choice," he says. "I chose to go to Oberlin because it was a lib-



Tom Read

eral arts school."

That desire to be well rounded has followed him through life. He is involved with Scottish country dancing with his wife, Rosemary; has debated policy with colleagues on the university

admissions and scholarship committees; and he finds time to run along Bellingham area trails and in ultra marathons — when his knees cooperate.

"College is a process of discovery," Read says.

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Instead, she and other members of the English faculty teach a broad array of classes and serve as role models of independent learners who can think in an educated and critical way.

"As role models, I think we are a faculty that is pretty exemplary in that way," she says.

From a student's vantage point, too, the liberal arts' chief benefit is in allowing people to explore the world around them and providing more "choices in where you want to go in your education, your career path, your life in general," Lobeck says.

"It exposes them to a wide variety of things that they might not otherwise do," such as reading the Greek classics or examining geologic artifacts, she says.

Lobeck remembers well the fears she had as a French major at Walla Walla's Whitman College in the 1970s. Should she choose another major, one that was more practical, one that would lead to a lucrative career? She asked her father, a physician and medical school teacher.

"Do you love it?" he asked her.

"Yes," she answered.

"Then it doesn't matter," her father told her.

"That's the only reason I pursued it," Lobeck says. "I didn't even know I would be a professor."

In fact, Lobeck says she always wanted to be an anthropologist. "That's still a basis for a lot of personal choices in my life," she



Anne Lobeck

says. Whenever she travels, for instance, she has an anthropologist's outlook on things and she delights in her 4-year-old son's current interest in dinosaurs.

Lobeck contrasts her educa-

tional experience with those of some students today whose parents won't pay for tuition unless they have some job in mind.

"It's a great luxury," to be able to pursue the liberal arts, she says, "a terrific luxury."

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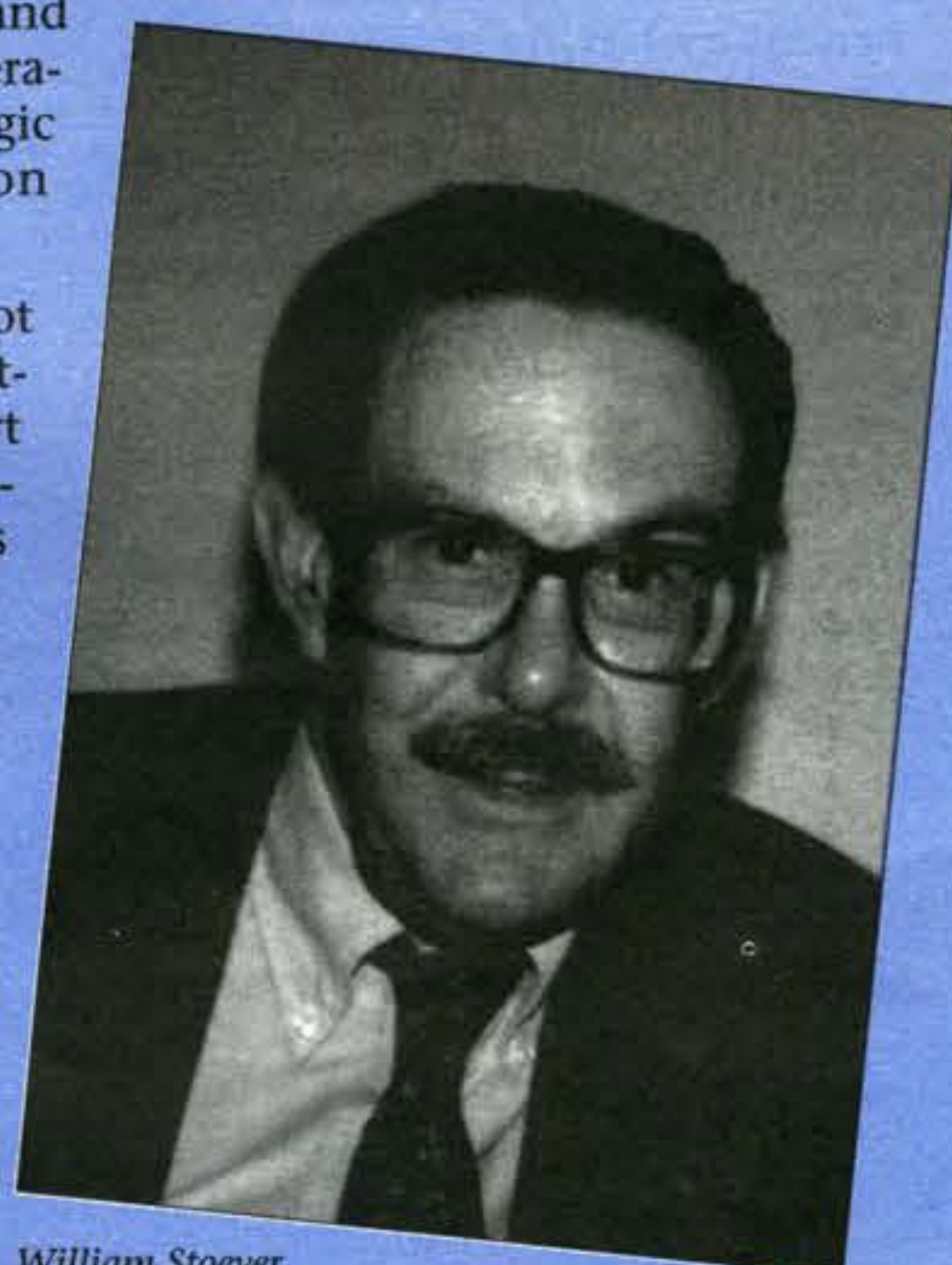
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fication and plant ecology and finds enjoyment reading literature and scrutinizing geologic formations, particularly on camping trips.

A summer vacation "is not just a matter of getting outside," Stoever says. It is part of his never-ending educational journey, for Stoever is not just a proponent of a liberal arts education; he lives his philosophy of education.

"What happens in liberal education is that you learn to ... build a framework of references, of association," he says. Today, "When I read a book, I don't read it in isolation.

"The idea of liberal education is mind sharpening and mind expand-



William Stoever

ing, ... learning how to form concepts and analyze problems, and simply becoming educated in some subject.

"The great nature of the liberal arts is it allows you to explore those things."

From Pomona, Stoever went on to get two master's degrees and his Ph.D. from Yale. He is a professor in Western's department of liberal studies and has been its chair since 1978.

"I studied a great deal of history and studied it in a way that brought together literature, religion and philosophy," he says. "So I came away with a framework, a very broad framework of great capacity. That's something I carry around with me all the time. It's an enlarged mental world in which there are many

connections."

Students who seek a liberal arts education need not fear failing in the business world, which often demands specialized knowledge of computers, accounting or other areas. "I think a liberal education is a good thing for people regardless of what they are doing," Stoever says.

For example, Stoever remembers talking to a man who owned an engineering firm a few years ago and who complained about the new hires in his business. "They couldn't talk about anything except bridges," he says.

"You go to a liberal arts college not to be trained. You go to learn to think in new and different ways, to learn how to articulate a thought," says Stoever.



# Class Notes

## Alumni skiers head to Apex

Get your group together for a great weekend ski trip to British Columbia's Apex Mountain Feb. 13-15. A video-equipped bus takes you from Bellingham to Penticton, B.C., where you will stay on the mountain at The Inn at Apex, a ski-in/ski-out facility. Your package includes:

- 2 nights accommodations at The Inn at Apex
- 3 lift tickets to Apex, including one night pass
- Beverages and snacks on the bus trip, to and from, and a hospitality suite on the mountain sponsored by the Alumni Association
- Free extra lift ticket for a return trip to Apex
- Prizes all weekend
- Free sponsor products
- Canadian outback guide on each bus.

Prices range from \$180 to \$304 U.S. per person based on quad to single occupancy and style of room. For a brochure, call the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885. A \$50 per person non-refundable deposit is due Jan. 9.

### Send us your Class Notes, address changes and other news

Do you have news to share with your former classmates? Send short items of interest and glossy photos to Window on Western, Alumni House, Western

Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98227-9045.

You can also e-mail your Class Notes and address changes to the Alumni Association at [alumni@wwu.edu](mailto:alumni@wwu.edu).

Class Notes and other features of Window on Western are included on our new Alumni web page:

<http://www.wwu.edu/~alumni>

### How about a WWU vacation?

Two exciting travel opportunities await Western alumni in 1998. A nine-day, seven-night Swiss holiday, with trips to Germany, Austria and Liechtenstein, plus a seven-day Alaska cruise are on tap for alumni with the traveling urge.

The Swiss Holiday is a "hub and spoke" tour offering the luxury of unpacking only once at your Lucerne, Switzerland hotel. Each day will bring a new adventure with day trips to Interlaken, Berne, the Black Forest and more. Cost is approximately \$2,298 per person and includes seven nights first-class hotel accommodations, most meals and air transportation. Tour departs Sept. 9, 1998.

Our Alaska cruise departs Vancouver, B.C., June 8 aboard the luxury line Windward. Cruise the Inside Passage with ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Haines, Glacier Bay, and Ketchikan. Priced from \$1,079.

Interested alumni should contact Kristie Lundstrom at Western's Alumni House at (360) 650-3353 or (800) 676-6885. Or e-mail at: [kristie@admsec.wwu.edu](mailto:kristie@admsec.wwu.edu)

Deadlines are looming! Call today!

## Hamley heads program at NW Indian College

Jeff Hamley ('80, '82) is the new director of the Native Teacher Education Program at Northwest Indian College (NWIC) on the Lummi Reservation near Bellingham.

Hamley, a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe of North Dakota, arrived at NWIC as vice president for instruction



Jeff Hamley

and student services in 1994. He had been director of the Harvard University Native American Program and a lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Funded with a four-year, \$800,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., and created in partnership with Western and Washington State University, the Native Teacher Education Program will prepare Native American students to become teachers. It is the first NWIC program to be developed at the baccalaureate-degree level.

The program will help many students at NWIC achieve their career goals, Hamley said in a press conference.

"The most important outcome of this program, however, will be the 'Indian' children who will benefit by having native teachers in the classroom," he said. Native teachers will serve as role models to students and transmit Indian culture, Hamley said.

The first phase of the program, to prepare teachers for elementary schools, began this fall in cooperation with WSU. The second phase, to prepare secondary teachers, will begin in one or two years in concert with Western.

In addition to a B.A., elementary teaching certificate and M.A. in student personnel administration from Western, Hamley has a master's in counseling and consulting psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and his doctorate in education from Harvard.

**1937 - Gerhard "Gay" Digerness**, a retired school teacher and dairy farmer, says regarding retirement: "There is no such thing as empty time. It goes by so fast." He and his wife collaborate to make needlepoint Christmas stockings for their children and great-grandchildren. Digerness began his needlepoint hobby at age 80.

**1950 - Al Magnuson** publishes two newspapers about Whatcom County's foothills. "The Mount Baker Experience" is published twice annually and "The Foothills Experience" is published six times a year.

**1962 - Marilyn Petrie Beem** retired after 35 years teaching. Beem taught in Europe for two years and in the Edmonds School District for 33.

**1966 - Jerry McEwen** was recognized as "Distinguished Scientist" by Syntex of Boulder, Colo. McEwen was the key leader in designing and implementing a laboratory-based safety-hazard analysis program for Roche and Syntex processes. He is also the author of 15 publications and holds 26 U.S. and foreign patents.

**1967 - Roy Godbey** retired from Green Hill School in Chehalis after 30 years' service. ... **Ron Marshall** retired from Nooksack Valley Elementary School after 30 years of teaching.

**1971 - MaryAnn Kohl** has authored two new books, "Cooking Art" and "Discovering Great Artists." ... **Kathy Huseby Taylor** was elected president of the 1997-98 Portland Rose Festival Association. Taylor is the president of KeyPoint, Inc., a software development company that specializes in criminal case management.

**1972 - Jim LeMonds** has written a collection of essays about the Northwest. "South of Seattle: Notes on Life in the Northwest Woods," was recently published by Mountain Press Publishing Co. of Missoula, Mont. ... **Curt Smitch** was appointed by Governor Gary Locke to be his special assistant for natural resource issues. Smitch was the assistant regional director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**1973 - Michael Coones**, associate professor of higher education and student affairs at Bowling Green State University, received the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Philip Tripp Award at an award presentation March 21. The award is given annually to three senior professionals and five emerging professionals in the student affairs field. The award is given in recognition of outstanding teaching, writing, research and service. ... **William Dietrich**, a former Seattle Times reporter, is at work on his third book, a novel to be published by Warner Books in 1998. He gave a talk, "River Wisdom: The Columbia, Us and the Future of the Pacific Northwest," at Whitman College in September.

**1975 - Karen Reid (M.Ed. '90)** is principal at Serene Lake Elementary. ... **Richard Walsh** was named general manager of the Whatcom Transportation Authority. Walsh has worked for the WTA for 19 years.

**1976 - Dennis Conner** is the manager of Hovander Homestead Park in Ferndale. Conner has been with the Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department for 21 years. ... **Dan Newman** received one

## Weddings

**1982 Edward Bos Heutink** and Tanya June Kirkbride on June 21

**1986 - Denise Katherine Michnick** and Mark Ernest Hahn, June 13

**1988 - Kelly Thomas Boyle** and Heide Lynette Leonard ('95) on Aug. 16

**1991 - Amy Alice Naab** and Colin Mark Cusman on June 21

**1991 - Dian Stevenson** and Verle Kenneth Williamson on April 19

**1993 - Sandra A. Bucher** and Bill Shipley on July 19 ... **Michelle Alice Socolofsky** and **Steven Ronald Bowmer** on May 3

**1994 - Aaron Michael Burtner** and Michele Renee Clevenger on May 17 ... **Stephanie Marie Chan** and **Karl Edgar Nelson** ('95) on May 3 ... **Julie Schreiber** and **L. Erik Erichsen** on March 9 ... **Erin Jo Verrall** and **Darrin Gary Hanson** on March 29 ... **Amy Suzanne Weisz** and **Eric Richard Yurk** on June 28

**1995 - Lisa Michelle Brinsmead** and Mark James Gaul ('96) ... **Jane Bryan** and **Daniel Petke** on June 1 ... **Susanne Marie Lawless** and **David Lawrence Randolph** on June 27 ... **Heide Lynette Leonard** and **Kelly Thomas Boyle** ('88) on Aug. 16

**1996 - Brett Dightman** and Kay Longmeier on April 19 ... **Mark James Gaul** and **Lisa Michelle Brinsmead** ('95) on Aug. 16 ... **Dixie Inouye** and **Troy David Niemi** on July 19 ... **Grady Cooper Kizziar** and **Rebecca Ann Hess** on Aug. 2

**1997 - Jennifer Armstrong** and Matt Werner on July 12 ... **Jeff Anderson** and Erica Pauly on May 24 ... **Julie Marie Brown** and Frank Roy Harkness Jr. on Aug. 8 ... **Jeanie Marie Newton** and **Paul Richard Komarek** on Aug. 2 ... **Jaret Scott Treber** and Kimberly Anne Sulkin on Aug. 2 ... **Melissa Faye VanBoven** and Jeffrey Craig Timmer on Aug. 1



of six Alaska Governor's Award for the Arts in ceremonies in the state capital in late February. Newman retired in 1996 after teaching art at Blatchley Middle School in Sitka for 20 years. Newman is one of only four educators ever to receive a governor's award in its 21-year history.

**1977 - Scott G. O'Neal** is an investigator with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for the Washington State Bar Association in Seattle.

**1978 - Lois Longwood ('83)** and husband Peter brought Corinne Qui Ying to Bellingham from China in July. Corinne, born on July 4, 1996, is adjusting well to her new home. Longwood is director of Institutes and Conference services at Western.



Kathy Sheehan photo

Lois and Corinne Qui Ying Longwood

**1979 - Debra Sitzberger** has been named general counsel at Oki Developments, Inc. Sitzberger will provide legal advice for the company's diverse interests.

**1980 - Michael D. Bohannon** has joined the law firm of Sherrard & McGonagle in Poulsbo.

**1982 - Barbara Dingel ('87)** is now the executive director of the Sean Humphrey House in Bellingham. ... **Nancy Larson** received her Ph.D. in social welfare.

**1983 - Claire Nold-Glaser** gave birth in July to a daughter, Emilia, who joins husband Jeff and big brother Dylan at home in Fall City. Nold-Glaser is a school counselor at Eastside Catholic High School in Bellevue.

**1984 - Natalie Wilson** represented Moses Lake in the Mrs. Washington pageant. Wilson is a wife, mother, teacher and mentor at Camas High School and Skyridge Middle School.

**1985 - Becky Van Slyke** illustrated "Discovering Great Artists" along with nine of her second grade students. Van Slyke has taught second grade in the Lynden School District for 10 years. ... **Linda L. Kohlstaedt and William R. Belcher ('84 and '85)** are the proud parents of William Loren Alexander Belcher, who will celebrate his first birthday Jan. 1.

**1987 - Mark A. Brewer** is vice president of sales for Andromedia, Inc. in San Francisco.

**1988 - Mike Myers** is the marketing director of Canterbury Manor, a senior residential community in Bremerton.

**1989 - Jesse Tinsley**, a photojournalist in The Spokesman-Review's Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, bureau for about seven years, has a web page dedicated to photojournalism: <http://www.ieway.com/~jtinsley>

**1994 - Kristen Blythe Bragg**, a teacher at Liberty Elementary School in Marysville, is participating in the Teaching Tolerance Institute at UW. More than 1,200 educators applied,

## Alumnae in Hawaii marathon

Donna (Brannan) Le Blonde ('86) and former roommate Robin (Moser) Wright ('85) will be in Honolulu for a Dec. 14 marathon sponsored by the Leukemia Society — and for a special Alumni Association dinner at the Ala Moana Hotel on Friday, Dec. 12.

Le Blonde, database manager for the Alumni Association and The Western Foundation, and Wright, of Arlington, are entered in the Leukemia Society of America's "Team in Training" race.

Le Blonde is running in honor of Namara Brede, 9, son of Meg and Alex Brede of Bellingham. Namara was diagnosed last summer with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and must undergo chemotherapy while keeping up with his fourth grade class.

Wright is running in honor of Laura Barrow, 5, of Langley, whose acute lymphocytic leukemia is in remission.

Both Wright and Le Blonde, who also organizes Western's Homecoming Fun(d) Run, raised \$3,000 for research and patient aid to participate in the Leukemia Society marathon.

If you want more information about the Hawaii reunion, call the Alumni House at (800) 676-6885.



Donna Le Blonde and Namara Brede

and Bragg was selected along with 30 other teachers to attend. ... **Lisa McKhann** is moving to Duluth, Minn.

**1995 - Pat McCarrell** has been named editor of the Eastside Business Journal. ... **Carri Owsley** has been promoted to senior accountant of Clothier & Head, P.S. Owsley is a member of the auto dealer services team that provides accounting, tax and consulting services to the automotive industry. ... **Scott Boyd and Adam Morrow ('91)**, along with band members Chip & Sean Westerfield, are expecting to release their debut CD "Thirteen Months of Sunshine" in the early part of 1998. More information about the project can be obtained at <http://www.nas.com/~samkreutz/13mosun.html>

**1996 - Mike Brennand** is working and living in Taipei, Taiwan, and keeping in touch with journalism classmates through e-mail: (Legaide@aol.com).

**1997 - Larry Campbell** works with the Swinomish tribe. ... **Erica Christensen** has been hired by MTV Sports in New York as a production assistant. ... **Patti Fouts** teaches sixth grade at Forks Middle School. ... **Peter Newton** won the 1,000-meter kayak competition at the U.S. Canoe and Kayak Team national championships. Along with teammate Angel Perez, he also won the two-man 1,000-meter kayak competition. ... **Aimee Sorenson** joined the firm of Baylis Brand Wagner Architects as a marketing assistant.

## Goodrich wins NAIA award



**Lynda Goodrich**, ('66 and '73) was named Women's Administrator of the Year for 1996-97 by the NAIA Pacific Northwest Region.

Goodrich, a 1986 inductee into the NAIA National Hall of Fame, is in her 11th year as athletic director at Western.

## Memoriams

### Vikings' Steve Rupp, 36



Steven L. Rupp ('84), a former Viking backup lineman who was appointed sports editor at The Bellingham Herald in 1996, died Oct. 24 after suffering a stroke. He was 36.

A moment of silence in his honor was observed at the Homecoming game against Simon Fraser Oct. 25.

Memorial gifts in his name will benefit the Viking Athletic Fund.

- 1920 - Dorothy Crabtree, 99, a retired homemaker, died July 6.
- 1920 - Ethel B. Fisher, 100, died July 12.
- 1925 - Doris M. Barclay, 92, a retired teacher, died July 13.
- 1927 - Emily Seeger, 91, a retired teacher, died July 15.
- 1929 - Marion E. Coyne, 91, a retired teacher, died July 1.
- 1932 - Jack E. Schaeffer, 85, former director of music for the Seattle Public Schools, died Aug. 5. ... **Mildred L. Thompson**, 84, a retired homemaker, died July 12.
- 1934 - Sivert Skotheim, 86, a retired teacher and principal, died Aug. 5.
- 1937 - Ernest W. Dzurick, ('41), a retired school teacher and coach, died Sept. 7.
- 1938 - Betty Holtzheimer, 79, an avid gardener, died June 19.
- 1939 - Floyd Witherow, 80, a retired teacher, died March 12.
- 1948 - Wade Swift Haggard, (M.Ed. '57), 73, a retired educator and son of former Western president W. W. Haggard, died June 9.
- 1957 - Lenko Gazija, (M.Ed.60), 67, a retired school administrator, died June 25.
- 1977 - Peter Michael Raab, 49, co-founder of Nielsen Brothers Inc., died Aug. 23.
- 1979 - Rebecca D. Smith, 41, a psychotherapist, died Aug. 10.
- 1990 - Joseph Logue Rush, 30, a banker, died Aug. 14.
- 1991 - Dale A. Bockstadter, 67, a graduate of the industrial technology department who also worked as a lab assistant on campus, died Aug. 2.





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## December

- 12 Alumni dinner in Honolulu. Call 800-676-6885 if you can attend.
- 13 Fall quarter commencement

## January

- 9 Last day to sign up for the Alumni ski trip to British Columbia. Call 800-676-6885.
- 12 "Metalcraft," an exhibit of 10 contemporary Northwest artists, opens in the Western Gallery. Through March 7.
- 13 Fairhaven Professor David Mason in the Turning Point Faculty lecture series, 5:30 p.m., in Old Main Theatre. Free.
- 18 Oakland Ballet at the Mainstage, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Alumni event in Phoenix (tentative)
- 24 Alumni event in San Diego (tentative)
- 31 Billy Taylor Trio plays the Mainstage, 8 p.m.

## February

- 3 Mark Morris Dance Group on the Mainstage, 8 p.m.
- 10 Turning Points faculty lecture series welcomes University Librarian Judith Segal, 5:30 p.m., Old Main Theatre. Free.
- 13-15 Alumni ski trip to Apex Mountain in B.C.
- 13-15 "Here Lies Henry," at Old Main Theatre. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday
- 17 Skampa String Quartet at the PAC Concert Hall, 8 p.m.
- 26-28 Carlisle Floyd's American opera, *Susannah*, at the PAC Mainstage



Daniel MacIvor in  
"Here Lies Henry,"

Feb. 13-15

## March

- 1-7 *Susannah* continues at the PAC Mainstage.
- 3 Dr. Richard Dawkins, leading evolutionary theorist, zoologist and best-selling author in the Distinguished Lecture Series, 5:30 p.m. at the Mainstage. Free.
- 7 Last day to see "Metalcraft" in the Western Gallery
- 8 Les Violons du Roy in the PAC Concert Hall, 3 p.m.
- 16 Australian Chamber Orchestra in the PAC Concert Hall, 8 p.m.
- 21 Winter commencement

## April

- 3 Alumni event in San Francisco (tentative)
- 16 Adam Werbach, president of the Sierra Club, in the final lecture of the Distinguished Lecture Series, 5:30 p.m. at the Mainstage. Free.



Adam Werbach

- 14 Parsons Dance Company at the Mainstage, 8 p.m.
- 23 Alumni event in Washington, D.C.
- 24 Alumni event in New York City
- 25 Alumni event in Boston
- 26 Moscow Chamber Orchestra in the PAC Concert Hall, 7 p.m.
- 27 "Seeing Jazz," a panorama of artistic responses to jazz, opens, the Western Gallery

## May

- 1 Alumni event in Boise
- 2 Alumni event in Portland
- 13-17 William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, PAC Mainstage.
- 15 Distinguished Alumni dinner
- 15-17 Western Showtime Family Weekend
- 16 Alumni Board of Directors meeting
- 30 Life Member cruise

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| Western Gallery:         | Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays.                                                                                      |

## June

- 5 Mariners Game with Alumni Association (tentative)
- 12 Outstanding Graduating Senior reception
- 13 Spring commencement
- 27 Alumni reunion



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Cris Bruch's "93 pieces" courtesy of the artist and the Fuel Gallery

## Metalcraft

The winter exhibition in the Western Gallery features 10 contemporary Northwest artists who make dramatic breaks from the traditional processes and products associated with the ancient craft of metalwork.

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